(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) (a) and (b) In the context of recent instances of bomb blasts in the buses in Delhi, Delhi Administration has launched an intensive education campaign advising commuters to be alert and watchful of a suspicious object or anyone who carries anything in hand or keeps it on the floor or the under seat of the bus and to inform the police authorities. Instructions have also been issued by the Delhi Police as well as DTC to the drivers and conductors to follow the drill of checks such as singalling out of the baggage lying on the floor of the bus or under the seat and asking for the ownership of the baggage; to permit the passenger only the minimum baggage that he can carry on his person; in the event of noticing any unclaimed baggage to call the police to ascertain whether it is a bomb or not; ensuring that no passenger leaves behind his/her baggage in the bus before leaving the bus; taking the bus to the nearest police station and report the matter to the police if any one interferes or obstructs the drivers and conductors to discharge their duties; in the event of any unclaimed baggage suspected to contain a bomb, to call the Bomb Defusing Squad and only on their declaration that it is safe to go near the object and shifting of the same elsewhere and declaring the bus safe for operation that operations are to resume. The entry of the passengers is allowed only from the entry gate and alighting from the exit gate except for lady passengers.

While it has not been always possible for DTC to avoid overcrowding in the buses particularly during peak hours, the enforcement branch of the Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration and Delhi Police authorities have been undertaking regular checks to check overcrowding and to initiate corrective action including launching of prosecution.

Use of Optical Fibre Cable in Madras Telecom Circle

2382. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total length of optical fibre cable to be laid in Madras Telecom Circle in the near future;

(b) what would be the approximate cost of this project; and

(c) what amount has already been spent on this project; and

(d) the length of cable which has already been laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The total length of optical fibre cable to be laid in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle including the local network of Madras Telephones in the near future is 430 km.

(b) Rs. 31 crores

(c) Rs. 8 crores (approximately)

(d) The cable laying work is in progress in Madras Telephones. About 10 km. of cable has been laid so far.

Instructions Regarding Transfer of Telephone

2383. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some instructions exist for transfer of registration